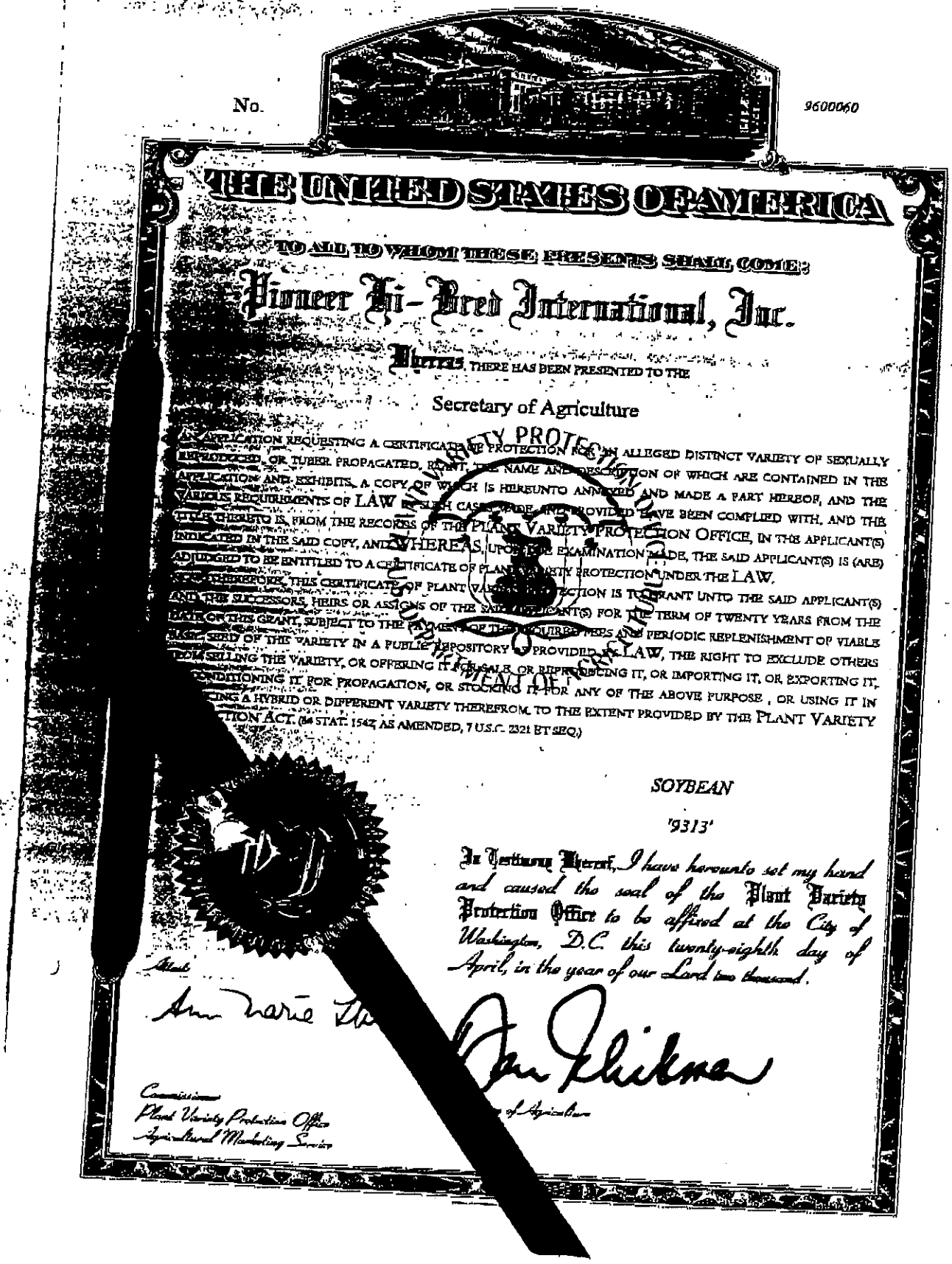


No. 9600060

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.

WHEREAS, THERE HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE

Secretary of Agriculture

AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED DISTINCT VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED OR TUBER PROPAGATED PLANT, THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASE MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TITLE THERETO IS, FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON THE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

NOW THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLICANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF TWENTY YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS GRANT, SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES AND PERIODIC REPLENISHMENT OF VIABLE SEED OF THIS VARIETY IN A PUBLIC DEPOSITORY AS PROVIDED IN THE LAW, THE RIGHT TO EXCLUDE OTHERS FROM SELLING THE VARIETY, OR OFFERING IT FOR SALE, OR REPRODUCING IT, OR IMPORTING IT, OR EXPORTING IT, OR CONDITIONING IT FOR PROPAGATION, OR STOCKING IT FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE PURPOSE, OR USING IT IN PRODUCING A HYBRID OR DIFFERENT VARIETY THEREFROM, TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED BY THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION ACT. (84 STAT. 1542, AS AMENDED, 7 U.S.C. 2321 ET SEQ.)

PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

SOYBEAN

'9313'

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Plant Variety Protection Office to be affixed at the City of Washington, D.C. this twenty-eighth day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand.

Attest

Commissioner
Plant Variety Protection Office
Agricultural Marketing Service

Secretary of Agriculture

REPRODUCE LOCALLY. *Include form number and date on all reproductions.* FORM APPROVED - OMB NO. 0581-0055

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
SCIENCE DIVISION - PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE

APPLICATION FOR PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATE

(Instructions and information collection burden statement on reverse)

The following statements are made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a).

Application is required in order to determine if a plant variety protection certificate is to be issued (7 U.S.C. 2421). Information is held confidential until certificate is issued (7 U.S.C. 2426).

1. NAME OF APPLICANT(S) *(as it is to appear on the Certificate)*
Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.

2. TEMPORARY DESIGNATION OR EXPERIMENTAL NUMBER

3. VARIETY NAME
9313

4. ADDRESS *(Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP Code, and Country)*
700 Capital Square
400 Locust St.
Des Moines, IA 50309

5. TELEPHONE *(include area code)*
515/270-3582

6. FAX *(include area code)*
515/253-2288

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

PVPO NUMBER
9600060

FILING DATE
NOV. 22, 1995

FEES RECEIVED
FILING AND EXAMINATION FEE: $2450.00
DATE: NOV. 22, 1995
CERTIFICATION FEE: $300.00
DATE: 4-19-00

7. GENUS AND SPECIES NAME
Glycine Max

8. FAMILY NAME *(Botanical)*
Leguminosae

9. CROP KIND NAME *(Common name)*
Soybean

10. IF THE APPLICANT NAMED IS NOT A "PERSON", GIVE FORM OF ORGANIZATION *(corporation, partnership, association, etc.) (Common name)*
Corporation

11. IF INCORPORATED, GIVE STATE OF INCORPORATION
Iowa

12. DATE OF INCORPORATION
1926

13. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT REPRESENTATIVE(S), IF ANY, TO SERVE IN THIS APPLICATION AND RECEIVE ALL PAPERS
John Grace
7300 NW 62nd Ave.
PO Box 1004
Johnston, IA 50131-1004

Mike Roth (copy)
700 Capital Square
400 Locust St.
Des Moines, IA 50309

14. TELEPHONE *(include area code)*
515/270-3582

15. FAX *(include area code)*
515/253-2288

16. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX FOR EACH ATTACHMENT SUBMITTED *(Follow instructions on reverse)*

a. ☒ Exhibit A. Origin and Breeding History of the Variety
b. ☒ Exhibit B. Statement of Distinctness
c. ☒ Exhibit C. Objective Description of the Variety
d. ☒ Exhibit D. Additional Description of the Variety
e. ☒ Exhibit E. Statement of the Basis of the Applicant's Ownership
f. ☒ Voucher Sample *(2,500 viable untreated seeds or, for tuber propagated varieties verification that tissue culture will be deposited and maintained in a public repository)*
g. ☒ Filing and Examination Fee ($2,460), made payable to "Treasurer of the United States" *(Mail to PVPO)*

17. DOES THE APPLICANT SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE SOLD BY VARIETY NAME ONLY, AS A CLASS OF CERTIFIED SEED? *(See Section 83(a) of the Plant Variety Protection Act)?*
☐ YES *(If "yes," answer items 18 and 19 below)* ☒ NO *(If "no," go to item 20)*

18. DOES THE APPLICANT SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE LIMITED AS TO NUMBER OF GENERATIONS?
☐ YES ☐ NO

19. IF "YES" TO ITEM 18, WHICH CLASSES OF PRODUCTION BEYOND BREEDER SEED?
☐ FOUNDATION ☐ REGISTERED ☐ CERTIFIED

20. HAS THE VARIETY OR A HYBRID PRODUCED FROM THE VARIETY BEEN RELEASED, USED, OFFERED FOR SALE, OR MARKETED IN THE U.S. OR OTHER COUNTRIES?
☒ YES *(If "yes," give names of countries and dates)* ☐ NO
USA-1995

21. The applicant(s) declare that a viable sample of basic seed of the variety will be furnished with application and will be replenished upon request in accordance with such regulations as may be applicable, or for a tuber propagated variety a tissue culture will be deposited in a public repository and maintained for the duration of the certificate.

The undersigned applicant(s) is(are) the owner(s) of this sexually reproduced or tuber propagated plant variety, and believe(s) that the variety is new, distinct, uniform, and stable as required in Section 41, and is entitled to protection under the provisions of Section 42 of the Plant Variety Protection Act.

Applicant(s) is(are) informed that false representation herein can jeopardize protection and result in penalties.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT *(Owner(s))*		SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT *(Owner(s))*	
D. John Grace III			
NAME *(Please print or type)* D. John Grace III		NAME *(Please print or type)*	
CAPACITY OR TITLE Soybean Research Coordinator	DATE 11/16/95	CAPACITY OR TITLE	DATE

SD-470 (04-95) *(Previous editions are to be destroyed)* *(See reverse for instructions and information collection burden statement)*

9600060

Exhibit A: Origin and Breeding History

Breeding History of 9313 Soybean

Pioneer soybean variety 9313 evolved from a cross of Pioneer variety 9293 x Pella 86. The population from which 9313 was derived was advanced to the F5 generation by modified single seed descent. The F5 plant from which 9313 was ultimately derived was selected in Ohio in 1988, and the progeny row grown in 1989. Since that time 9313 has undergone five years of extensive testing and purification, and has been observed by the breeder to be uniform and stable with no evidence of variants. In 1995, 9313 was advanced and named on the basis of superior yield and Phytophthora resistance.

8.6 acres of breeders seed were grown in Chile in the winter of 1993/1994. 210 acres of foundation seed equivalent were grown in 1994 in Ohio, producing about 8,000 bushels.

Exhibit B: Novelty Statement

Variety 9313 is similar in flower, pubescence, and hila color to a number of varieties of similar maturity. However, it can be distinguished from these varieties by its resistance to races 1 to 5 of Phytophthora megasperma. The following varieties are susceptible to one or more of the Phytophthora races 1 to 5.

Variety	Difference
A2835	A2835 is susceptible to Phytophthora race 4, 9313 is resistant
A2943	A2943 is susceptible to Phytophthora races 3 and 4, 9313 is resistant
A3242	A3242 is susceptible to Phytophthora races 1 and 3, 9313 is resistant
A3431	A3431 is susceptible to Phytophthora race 4, 9313 is resistant
AP 2990	AP 2990 is susceptible to Phytophthora race 4, 9313 is resistant
AP 3035	AP 3035 is susceptible to Phytophthora races 1 and 2, 9313 is resistant
3311	3311 is susceptible to Phytophthora race 1, 9313 is resistant
CX265	CX265 is susceptible to Phytophthora races 1 and 2, 9313 is resistant
CX273	CX273 is susceptible to Phytophthora races 1 and 2, 9313 is resistant
CX313	CX313 is susceptible to Phytophthora race 4, 9313 is resistant
FFR241	FFR241 is susceptible to Phytophthora race 1, 9313 is resistant
G3365	G3365 is susceptible to Phytophthora race 1, 9313 is resistant
12277	12277 is susceptible to Phytophthora races 3 and 4, 9313 is resistant
1N1059	1N1059 is susceptible to Phytophthora race 4, 9313 is resistant
H-1271	H-1271 is susceptible to Phytophthora race 1, 9313 is resistant
2220	2220 is susceptible to Phytophthora race 1, 9313 is resistant
F2887	F2887 is susceptible to Phytophthora races 1 and 2, 9313 is resistant
F2899	F2899 is susceptible to Phytophthora race 4, 9313 is resistant
F3110	F3110 is susceptible to Phytophthora race 1, 9313 is resistant
F3479	F3479 is susceptible to Phytophthora races 1 and 2, 9313 is resistant
11287	11287 is susceptible to Phytophthora race 1, 9313 is resistant
4689	4689 is susceptible to Phytophthora race 4, 9313 is resistant
SRF79-165	SRF79-165 is susceptible to Phytophthora race 2, 9313 is resistant
T-3290	T-3290 is susceptible to Phytophthora race 1, 9313 is resistant
257	257 is susceptible to Phytophthora races 3 and 4, 9313 is resistant

FORM APPROVED: OMB NO. 0581-00

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
~~LIVESTOCK, MEAT, GRAIN~~ & SEED DIVISION
PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE
BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND 20705

EXHIBIT
(Soybea

OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY
SOYBEAN (Glycine max L.)

NAME OF APPLICANT(S)	TEMPORARY DESIGNATION	VARIETY NAME
Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.		9313

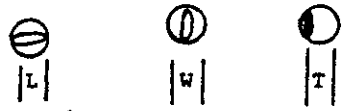
ADDRESS *(Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and Zip Code)*
700 Capital Square
400 Locust Street
Des Moines, IA 50309

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
PVPO NUMBER
9600060

Choose the appropriate response which characterizes the variety in the features described below. When the number of significant digit in your answer is fewer than the number of boxes provided, place a zero in the first box when number is 9 or less (e.g., [0][9]). Starred characters ★ are considered fundamental to an adequate soybean variety description. Other characters should be described when information is available.

1. SEED SHAPE:

[2]



1 = Spherical (L/W, L/T, and T/W ratios = < 1.2)
2 = Spherical Flattened (L/W ratio > 1.2; L/T ratio = < 1.2)
3 = Elongate (L/T ratio > 1.2; T/W = < 1.2)
4 = Elongate Flattened (L/T ratio > 1.2; T/W > 1.2)

★ **2. SEED COAT COLOR: (Mature Seed)**

[1] 1 = Yellow 2 = Green 3 = Brown 4 = Black 5 = Other *(Specify)* _____

3. SEED COAT LUSTER: (Mature Hand Shelled Seed)

[1] 1 = Dull ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton') 2 = Shiny ('Nebsoy'; 'Gasoy 17')

★ **4. SEED SIZE: (Mature Seed)**

[1][8] Grams per 100 seeds

★ **5. HILUM COLOR: (Mature Seed)**

[5] 1 = Buff 2 = Yellow 3 = Brown 4 = Gray 5 = Imperfect Black 6 = Black 7 = Other *(Specify)* _____

★ **6. COTYLEDON COLOR: (Mature Seed)**

[1] 1 = Yellow 2 = Green

★ **7. SEED PROTEIN PEROXIDASE ACTIVITY:**

[2] 1 = Low 2 = High

★ **8. SEED PROTEIN ELECTROPHORETIC BAND:**

[ ] 1 = Type A ($SP1^a$) 2 = Type B ($SP1^b$)

★ **9. HYPOCOTYL COLOR:**

[3] 1 = Green only ('Evans'; 'Davis') 2 = Green with bronze band below cotyledons ('Woodworth'; 'Tracy')
3 = Light Purple below cotyledons ('Beeson'; 'Pickett 71')
4 = Dark Purple extending to unifoliate leaves ('Hodgson'; 'Coker Hampton 266A')

★ **10. LEAFLET SHAPE:**

[3] 1 = Lanceolate 2 = Oval 3 = Ovate 4 = Other *(Specify)* _____

9600060

11. LEAFLET SIZE:

[2] 1 = Small ('Amsoy 71'; 'A5312') 2 = Medium ('Corsoy 79'; 'Gasoy 17')
3 = Large ('Crawford'; 'Tracy')

12. LEAF COLOR:

RECEIVED
USDA-AMS-PVPO
'95 NOV 22 P2:49

[3] 1 = Light Green ('Weber'; 'York') 2 = Medium Green ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton')
3 = Dark Green ('Gnome'; 'Tracy')

★ **13. FLOWER COLOR:**

[2] 1 = White 2 = Purple 3 = White with purple throat

★ **14. POD COLOR:**

[2] 1 = Tan 2 = Brown 3 = Black

★ **15. PLANT PUBESCENCE COLOR:**

[1] 1 = Gray 2 = Brown (Tawny)

16. PLANT TYPES:

[2] 1 = Slender ('Essex'; 'Amsoy 71') 2 = Intermediate ('Amcor'; 'Braxton')
3 = Bushy ('Gnome'; 'Govan')

★ **17. PLANT HABIT:**

[3] 1 = Determinate ('Gnome'; 'Braxton') 2 = Semi-Determinate ('Will')
3 = Indeterminate ('Nebsoy'; 'Improved Pelican')

★ **18. MATURITY GROUP:**

[0][6] 1 = 000 2 = 00 3 = 0 4 = I 5 = II 6 = III 7 = IV 8 = V
9 = VI 10 = VII 11 = VIII 12 = IX 13 = X

★ **19. DISEASE REACTION:** (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

BACTERIAL DISEASES:

★ [0] Bacterial Pustule *(Xanthomonas phaseoli* var. *sojensis)*

★ [1] Bacterial Blight *(Pseudomonas glycinea)*

★ [0] Wildfire *(Pseudomonas tabaci)*

FUNGAL DISEASES:

★ [1] Brown Spot *(Septoria glycines)*

Frogeye Leaf Spot *(Cercospora sojina)*

★ [0] Race 1 [0] Race 2 [0] Race 3 [0] Race 4 [0] Race 5 [ ] Other *(Specify)*

[0] Target Spot *(Corynespora cassiicola)*

[0] Downy Mildew *(Peronospora trifoliorum* var. *manshurica)*

[0] Powdery Mildew *(Microsphaera diffusa)*

★ [1] Brown Stem Rot *(Cephalosporium gregatum)*

[0] Stem Canker *(Diaporthe phaseolorum* var. *caulivora)*

19. DISEASE REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant) (Continued)

FUNGAL DISEASES: (Continued)

★ [1] Pod and Stem Blight *(Diaporthe phaseolorum var; sojae)*

[0] Purple Seed Stain *(Cercospora kikuchii)*

[1] Rhizoctonia Root Rot *(Rhizoctonia solani)*

Phytophthora Rot *(Phytophthora megasperma var. sojae)*

★ [2] Race 1 [2] Race 2 [2] Race 3 [2] Race 4 [2] Race 5 [0] Race 6 [2] Race 7

[2] Race 8 [2] Race 9 [ ] Other *(Specify)* _____

VIRAL DISEASES:

[1] Bud Blight (Tobacco Ringspot Virus)

[1] Yellow Mosaic (Bean Yellow Mosaic Virus)

★ [1] Cowpea Mosaic (Cowpea Chlorotic Virus)

[1] Pod Mottle (Bean Pod Mottle Virus)

★ [1] Seed Mottle (Soybean Mosaic Virus)

NEMATODE DISEASES:

Soybean Cyst Nematode *(Heterodera glycines)*

★ [0] Race 1 [0] Race 2 [1] Race 3 [0] Race 4 [ ] Other *(Specify)* _____

[0] Lance Nematode *(Hoplolaimus Colombus)*

★ [0] Southern Root Knot Nematode *(Meloidogyne incognita)*

★ [0] Northern Root Knot Nematode *(Meloidogyne Hapla)*

[0] Peanut Root Knot Nematode *(Meloidogyne arenaria)*

[0] Reniform Nematode *(Rotylenchulus reniformis)*

[ ] OTHER DISEASE NOT ON FORM *(Specify)*: _____

20. PHYSIOLOGICAL RESPONSES: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

★ [1] Iron Chlorosis on Calcareous Soil

[ ] Other *(Specify)* _____

21. INSECT REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

[0] Mexican Bean Beetle *(Epilachna varivestis)*

[0] Potato Leaf Hopper *(Empoasca fabae)*

[ ] Other *(Specify)* _____

22. INDICATE WHICH VARIETY MOST CLOSELY RESEMBLES THAT SUBMITTED.

CHARACTER	NAME OF VARIETY	CHARACTER	NAME OF VARIETY
Plant Shape	9293	Seed Coat Luster	9293
Leaf Shape	9303	Seed Size	9303
Leaf Color	Pella 86	Seed Shape	9303
Leaf Size	9303	Seedling Pigmentation	Pella 86

23. GIVE DATA FOR SUBMITTED AND SIMILAR STANDARD VARIETY: Paired Comparison Data

9600060

VARIETY	NO. OF DAYS MATURITY	PLANT LODGING SCORE	CM PLANT HEIGHT	LEAFLET SIZE		SEED CONTENT		SEED SIZE G/100 SEEDS	NO. SEEDS/ POD
				CM Width	CM Length	% Protein	% Oil		
9313 Submitted	133	2.2	90.3	5.7	10.1	42.5	20.8	18.0	3
9303 Name of Similar Variety	132	1.8	87.3	5.4	19.2	42,9	20,8	17.6	3

PUBLICATIONS USEFUL AS REFERENCE AIDS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM:

1. Caldwell, B.E., ed. 1973. Soybeans: Improvement, Production, and Uses. Amer. Soc. Agron. Monograph No. 16.
2. Buttery, B.R. and R.I. Buzzell. 1968. Peroxidase activity in seeds of soybean varieties. Crop Sci., 8: 722-725.
3. Hymowitz, T. 1973. Electrophoretic analysis of SBTI-A_2 in the USDA soybean germplasm collection. Crop Sci., 13: 420-421.
4. Payne, R.C. and L.F. Morris. 1976. Differentiation of soybean cultivars by seedling pigmentation patterns. J. Seed Technol. 1: 1-19.

9600087

Exhibit D: Additional Description of Variety

In Exhibit C we have identified 9313 as susceptible to bacterial blight, brown spot, pod and stem blight, rhizoctonia root rot, bud blight, yellow mosaic, cowpea mosaic, pod mottle and seed mottle. This does not mean we consider 9313 to be worse than other varieties of similar maturity in reaction to these challenges. Rather, we have chosen to be conservative and have identified 9313 as "susceptible".

Variety 9313 is an early group III variety. If group III maturities are divided into tenths, the relative maturity of 9313 is 3.1.

Exhibit E: Statement of the Basis of Applicants Ownership

Variety 9313 was originated and developed by plant breeders (U.S. nationals) from whom, by agreement, Pioneer Hi-Bred Int'l, Inc. has obtained exclusive rights to 9313. No rights to such invention, discovery or development are retained by the plant breeder or any other party.

9600060

REPRODUCE LOCALLY. *Include form number and date on all reproductions.*

FORM APPROVED - OMB NO. 0581-0055

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE

EXHIBIT E
STATEMENT OF THE BASIS OF OWNERSHIP

The following statements are made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) and the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995.

Application is required in order to determine if a plant variety protection certificate is to be issued (7 U.S.C. 2421). Information is held confidential until certificate is issued (7 U.S.C. 2426).

1. Name Of Applicant(s)

Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.

2. Temporary Designation Or Experimental Number

3. Variety Name

9313

4. Address *(Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP Code, and Country)*

7300 NW 62nd Ave
P.O. Box 1004
Johnston, Iowa 50131-1004

5. Telephone *(Include area code)*

515-270-3582

6. Fax *(Include area code)*

515-253-2288

7. PVPO Number

9600060

8. Does the applicant own all rights to the variety? Mark an "X" in appropriate block. If no, Please explain. ☑ YES ☐ NO

9. Is the applicant (individual or company) a U.S. national or U.S. based company? ☑ YES ☐ NO

If no, give name of country

10. Is the applicant the original owner? ☑ YES ☐ NO *If no, please answer one of the following:*

a. If original rights to variety were owned by individual(s), is (are) the original owner(s) a U.S. national(s)?

☐ YES ☐ NO If no, give name of country

b. If original rights to variety were owned by a company(ies), is(are) the original owner(s) a U.S. based company?

☐ YES ☐ NO If no, give name of country

11. Additional explanation on ownership *(If needed, use reverse for extra space):*

PLEASE NOTE:

Plant variety protection can be afforded only to owners (not licensees) who meet one of the following criteria:

1. If the rights to the variety are owned by the original breeder, that person must be a U.S. national, national of a UPOV member country, or national of a country which affords similar protection to nationals of the U.S. for the same genus and species.
2. If the rights to the variety are owned by the company which employed the original breeder(s), the company must be U.S. based, owned by nationals of a UPOV member country, or owned by nationals of a country which affords similar protection to nationals of the U.S. for the same genus and species.
3. If the applicant is an owner who is not the original owner, both the original owner and the applicant must meet one of the above criteria.

The original breeder/owner may be the individual or company who directed final breeding. See Section 41(a)(2) of the Plant Variety Protection Act for definition.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0581-0055. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in its programs on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, and marital or familial status. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact the USDA Office of Communications at 202-720-2600 (voice and TDD).
To file a complaint, write the Secretary of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250, or call 1-800-245-6340 (voice) or (202) 720-1127 (TDD). USDA is an equal employment opportunity employer.